



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending May 11, 2014

PLANTING OF COTTON AND SOYBEANS IN FULL SWING

Following the previous week’s storms, drier conditions allowed farmers to take to the fields. Corn producers were winding down their planting, while cotton and soybean planting were just getting into full swing. Wheat and pastures continue to flourish from adequate moisture. The strawberry crop remained in primarily fair to good condition. Hay producers took advantage of good weather to harvest their first cutting. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 10 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 7 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. There were 5.5 days suitable for field work last week.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2013	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn - Planted	87	68	62	76	Pasture	0	7	28	58	7
Corn - Emerged	53	35	43	62	Wheat	0	2	16	62	20
Cotton - Planted	26	6	3	16	Strawberries	1	7	29	56	7
Winter Wheat – Jointed	97	90	100	100						
Winter Wheat - Headed	68	30	76	87						
Soybeans - Planted	13	5	2	11						

County Agent Comments

Farmers finally got a good week to do corn and soybean planting. Major acres of corn have been completed with twenty-five percent of soybean acres planted. Due to recent rains, cattle and pastures are in good condition.
J.C. Dupree, Lauderdale County

The farmers in Fayette County were able to make good progress on planting beans and cotton until rain came in Thursday night. Corn planting is finished for the most part. Wheat is starting to head out.
Jeff Via, Fayette County

Crops received rain that halted farming activity. Producers finished wheat fertilization and wrapped up corn planting. Many will focus on cotton planting the next couple of weeks.
Walter Battle, Haywood County

Light rain Thursday night but we still planted Friday. Everything is looking good so far.
Jake Mallard, Madison County

Warmer, drier weather helped to advance corn planting and also allowed soybean planting to begin. Late week rain stopped all field work. Producers have had a very busy week harvesting hay, applying fungicides to wheat, applying fertilizer and general fieldwork in addition to corn and soybean planting.
Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

A week of predominately warm, sunny weather was very much appreciated. Wheat, recently planted corn, pasture and hay really responded. Some hay was harvested this week. Some wheat producers have observed that wheat began heading when the plant was much shorter than common.
Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Our pastures and spring hay are behind and the first cutting of hay will be short.
Larry Moorehead, Moore County

A dry, warm week with only a few scattered showers at week’s end that did little to hold up field work. Warmer temperatures especially at night allowed crops to make good progress. Wheat is fully headed and farmers were busy applying fungicides. Disease pressure is low, cereal leaf beetles are common. Corn made good growth this week, a few producers beginning to apply nitrogen. Soybean producers made good progress this week. It was a good week for hay harvest.
Jared Goad, Marion County

Corn planting and fertilizer application gained momentum with dry field conditions. First cutting hay harvest has begun. Hay is reported to be thinner and shorter than normal.
John Wilson, Blount County

Need rain badly. Some first cutting hay went up this week. So far quality is excellent but quantity is poor.
John Goddard, Loudon County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION

For week ending: May 11, 2014 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending May 11, 2014				Current Week 05/11/14	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	88	60	73	7	0.09	1	21.07	-0.34	5.99	-1.65
Brownsville_TN	88	57	74	7	0.31	1	19.63	-1.64	5.58	-1.89
Covington	87	57	71	6	0.62	1	17.99	-3.26	5.91	-1.66
Dyersburg	88	61	74	7	1.01	3	14.95	-4.32	6.32	-0.13
Huntingdon_Wate	89	54	73	9	0.69	3	19.86	-0.43	6.58	0.05
Jackson_Exp_Stn	90	53	73	8	0.42	2	19.44	-0.94	5.15	-1.95
Lexington_TN	88	56	72	7	0.45	2	19.18	-0.49	6.23	-0.25
Martin	88	58	73	9	0.76	3	17.73	-2.31	8.59	1.79
Memphis_AG	90	59	74	6	0.31	1	20.89	0.03	6.37	-1.00
Milan	88	62	74	10	0.40	2	19.76	-0.75	6.21	-0.68
Paris	87	56	71	9	0.99	3	20.99	0.94	6.87	0.33
Savannah_6SW	87	54	72	6	0.07	1	18.37	-4.64	6.15	-1.40
Selmer	89	51	72	8	0.07	1	18.24	-4.57	5.07	-2.50
Union_City	87	57	73	9	0.84	3	20.64	0.89	8.70	2.13
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	86	60	73	10	0.68	3	19.76	0.11	6.58	0.58
Cookeville	85	52	69	8	0.05	2	19.30	-2.33	6.78	0.18
Crossville_AP	83	54	69	9	0.27	2	14.70	-7.00	5.87	-0.81
Dickson_AG	85	51	70	7	0.21	1	18.61	-2.30	6.70	-0.20
Dover_1W	86	56	72	9	0.82	3	21.27	0.73	6.60	-0.04
Fayetteville_TN	86	54	72	9	0.25	2	20.58	-1.19	9.88	3.39
Jamestown	85	49	69	9	0.05	1	19.12	-0.94	7.28	1.06
Kingston_Spring	88	52	71	8	0.17	2	18.56	-1.61	7.85	1.65
Lewisburg	87	51	69	7	0.18	1	14.63	-6.66	5.15	-1.56
Livingston_WLIV	85	51	70	8	0.57	2	19.27	-0.38	8.44	2.31
Lobelville	86	48	69	6	0.10	1	21.23	-0.60	7.99	1.15
Murfreesboro_5N	87	49	69	6	0.15	2	18.64	-1.54	6.74	0.34
Nashville_Metro	88	57	73	8	0.11	2	19.47	1.10	7.41	1.28
Oneida	85	49	69	10	0.71	2	20.12	-0.07	8.24	1.92
Portland_TN	87	51	72	9	0.86	2	21.56	2.09	8.98	2.81
Pulaski_Water_P	84	47	68	2	0.25	1	14.95	-6.71	5.49	-0.78
Shelbyville	88	54	71	7	0.20	2	16.24	-5.13	4.74	-1.75
Sparta_TN	87	49	69	7	0.81	2	21.40	0.32	7.86	1.35
Springfield	89	60	74	12	0.51	2	19.98	1.08	6.43	0.40
Springhill	89	46	70	8	0.28	2	20.39	-1.33	7.56	0.45
Tullahoma	86	56	72	8	0.25	2	16.67	-6.10	6.51	-0.29
Waynesboro_TN	86	51	69	7	0.08	1	18.68	-4.51	5.89	-1.53
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	88	55	72	8	0.17	2	15.62	-6.01	5.64	-0.26
Cleveland_6NNE	87	52	70	7	0.44	2	13.65	-8.02	6.41	0.30
Dayton	85	52	69	6	0.41	2	16.12	-6.32	6.72	0.30
Erwin_1W	85	44	66	7	0.49	2	10.60	-6.52	3.60	-2.01
Gatlinburg_2SW	86	44	66	7	0.70	2	15.85	-4.17	4.27	-1.81
Greeneville	88	47	66	6	0.20	2	12.33	-3.14	4.11	-0.67
Kingston_AG	88	47	69	8	0.70	2	17.04	-5.46	5.76	-0.66
Knoxville_AP	86	56	71	9	0.21	2	14.96	-3.50	4.69	-0.45
Newcomb	87	43	68	9	0.57	2	18.77	-1.42	5.43	-0.89
Norris_4NE	87	43	68	7	1.10	2	17.38	-2.38	5.77	-0.10
Tri-City_RGNL_A	88	48	68	8	0.19	1	9.99	-5.01	2.66	-1.97

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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